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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VESCO CASE: LEGAL CONSULTANT CASTILLO

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S MEMCON OF AUGUST 13 COVERING AUGUST 6 MEETING AT SEC. DEPARTMENT AND SEC SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FRANCISCO CASTILLO WILL LEAVE COSTA RICA IN MID-SEPTEMBER FOR AT LEAST ONE AND PROBABLY TWO YEARS OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES IN GERMANY. HE WILL NOT THEREFORE BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE LEGAL SERVICES.

2. AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, CASTILLO REMAINS OUR BEST INFORMED LEGAL CONSULTANT ON THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM OUR PREVIOUS EXTRADITION EFFORT AS WELL AS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PRESENT EXTRADITION LAW. I THINK IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO VISIT U.S. FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS SUGGESTED IN MEMCON. I THINK HE IS BY FAR THE BEST PERSON FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND SUGGEST THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AN INVITATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. I ASSUME THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE CASTILLO REPRESENT THIS AS A PERSONAL TRIP, AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO WAYS AND

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MEANS OF PAYING FOR HIS TRIP IN NON-OSTENTATIOUS MANNER.

IF IT BECOMES KNOWN HERE THAT THE USG IS PAYING HIS WAY, THE
CONCLUSION WILL QUICKLY BE DRAWN THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO PROCEED
AGAIN AGAINST VESCO.
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